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Wetzel County PSD No. 1 Approved For Water & Waste Disposal Grant

Morgantown, WV – June 22, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Grant of \$174,000 for Wetzel County Public Service District No. 1, Wetzel County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to extend public water service. Construction will consist of 114,000 linear feet of waterline, a 120,000 gallon storage tank, and necessary appurtenances.

This grant consists of subsequent funding to cover a construction cost over-run and completes a Rural Development funding package of \$2,579,000.

Steptoe stated, "This project will extend public water service to approximately 224 rural residents within several areas of Wetzel County, improving their quality of life."

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